

REMARKS

Claims 6, 7, 9-12 and 14-16 are pending. Claims 1-5, 8 and 13 are canceled. Claims 15 and 16 are new.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claim 14. Applicant further thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8 and 13. Claims 8 and 13 are canceled herein. New claims 15 and 16 include the subject matter of claims 8 and 13, respectively, rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim(s). Therefore, claims 15 and 16 are allowable.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 7 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gitlin et al. (US 5,880,620).

Gitlin et al. disclose that a body bias control circuit 220 could be made such that the bodies (B1-B3) of the first/second control transistors and pass transistor 210 are connected together and isolated from “other devices” by an SOI wafer. See col. 6, ll. 30-33 of Gitlin et al. The body bias control circuit operates as an AND circuit (col. 6, ll. 51-55), not as a pulse discharge circuit to discharge or dissipate accumulated potential, and appears to merely control the bias on gate G1 of pass transistor 210. Thus, the circuit 220 *does not discharge or dissipate any accumulated charge* from the body as claimed in present independent claims 6, 9 and 11. For at least this reason, the Gitlin et al. disclosure does not anticipate claims 6, 7 and 9-12.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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